

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1148 without my signature.

I have vetoed similar legislation (Assembly Bill 388, 2005) because statutory authority is not required for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to consider processes or make recommendations to the Legislature on any subject.

Furthermore, requiring the California Department of Education to provide an estimate of the net cost to purchase a complete set of instructional materials in each subject and grade level provides no additional utility, since current law already provides adequate safeguards to prevent California from paying higher prices than any other state or school district in the entire country. I am concerned that the focus on the procedural elements contained in this bill may take away from concentrating on the State's overall duty of ensuring that California students have access to the highest *quality*, standards aligned instructional materials for their education.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger